TEXAS TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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ALL Districts

The Texas Transportation Commission (commission) desires to award a total of \$60,371,233 in Federal Transit Administration (FTA) program funds to support public transportation needs in non-urbanized areas of the state.

The United States Congress passed the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, on March 27, 2020, authorizing funding under the FTA Formula Grants for Rural Areas Program (49 U.S.C. §5311) to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus (COVID-19).

The commission awarded a portion of the CARES Act funding to rural transit districts in Minute Order 115743, dated May 28, 2020. This minute order allocates the remaining CARES apportionment to rural transit districts to address ongoing operational challenges associated with increased expenditures and reduced non-federal program revenues. It strongly encourages resilience investments designed to reduce the potential impacts of similar, subsequent events and efforts to ensure that transit-dependent individuals in rural areas have access to COVID-19 vaccination locations.

Title 43, Texas Administrative Code (TAC), §31.36(g) establishes a formula by which public transportation funds shall be distributed to rural transit districts under the 49 U.S.C. §5311. A total of \$60,371,233 is awarded to rural transit districts with allocations derived from the formula in the following combinations: \$11,729,335 based on discretionary calculations in accordance with §31.36(g)(3), and \$48,641,898 based on total vehicle mile calculations in accordance with §31.36(g)(4). Therefore, the award of \$60,371,233 in federal FY 2020 §5311 CARES Act funds is shown in Exhibit A and has been determined in accordance with §31.36(g)(3) and (4).

Transportation Code, Chapter 455 assigns a broad spectrum of public transportation roles and missions to the department.

Transportation Code, Chapter 456 authorizes the commission to administer funds appropriated for public transportation.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the commission that the executive director or the director's designee is directed to proceed with the FY 2020 §5311 CARES Act FTA allocation for the program as described in Exhibit A, submit the necessary state application to the FTA, and enter into the necessary contracts.

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Director, Public Transportation Division

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Executive Director

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EXHIBIT A AWARD FEDERAL CARES ACT FUNDS TO RURAL TRANSPORTATION PROVIDERS

Rural Transit District	Award Amount
Alamo Area Council of Governments	\$ 2,790,865
Ark-Tex Council of Governments	3,272,386
Aspermont Small Business Development Center, Inc.	1,262,598
Brazos Transit District	3,331,849
Capital Area Rural Transportation System (CARTS)	1,321,600
Central Texas Rural Transit District	3,462,233
Cleburne, City of	862,275
Colorado Valley Transit, Inc.	1,349,889
Community Services, Inc.	438,245
Concho Valley Transit District	746,738
Del Rio, City of	303,724
East Texas Council of Governments	3,320,349
El Paso, County of	1,725,151
Fort Bend County	880,229
Golden Crescent Regional Planning Commission	2,432,068
Gulf Coast Center	321,234
Heart of Texas Council of Governments	822,620
Hill Country Transit District	1,201,706
Kleberg County Human Services	634,982
Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council	1,735,801
McLennan County Rural Transit District	2,006,676
Panhandle Community Services	3,125,180
Public Transit Services	1,156,169
Rolling Plains Management Corporation	2,564,216
Rural Economic Assistance League, Inc.	3,163,482
Senior Center Resources and Public Transit, Inc.	1,362,915
South East Texas Regional Planning Commission	1,622,069
South Padre Island, City of	645,680
South Plains Community Action Association, Inc.	2,888,207
Southwest Area Regional Transit District	161,301
SPAN, Inc.	492,963
STAR Transit	1,350,603
Texoma Area Paratransit System, Inc.	616,692
The Transit System, Inc.	954,230
Webb County Community Action Agency	577,328
West Texas Opportunities, Inc.	5,466,979
Total	\$60,371,233